

Durrington War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



1189 PRIVATE

P. McM. MORAN

33RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

16TH OCTOBER, 1916 Age 36

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte P. M. Moran is located in Grave Plot # 113
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

Patrick McManus MORAN

Patrick McManus Moran was born at Coraki, Clarence River District of NSW.

Patrick McManus Moran was a 32* year old, single Labourer from Barraba, NSW when he enlisted on 18th January, 1916 with the 33rd Infantry Battalion "D" Company of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 1189 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his cousin – Ernest Guinnen, Horton River, NSW. (*Age on Pte Moran's headstone is 36 & on his Attestation papers Patrick stated his date of birth as 22nd November, 1884. Information provided by Patrick's next-of-kin (a cousin) for Roll of Honour states that Patrick was born at Singleton, NSW but Patrick stated he was born at Coraki, NSW – 631 kms away. Also CWGC lists Patrick's parents as Michael & Agnes Moran, yet the BDM for NSW has a Patrick McM. Moran – parents Patrick & Margaret J. Moran registered in Casino district in 1882. The name & district fits but the year & parents don't.)

[Footnote – Located in Pte Moran's Service Record File is a reply to a letter sent in 1932 to Base Records from Mrs Agnes Etheridge (nee Moran), sister of late Pte Patrick McManus Moran, & in this she confirms that his parents were Patrick & Margaret J. Moran & that his place of birth & year advised by the cousin were also incorrect.]

Pte Patrick McManus Moran was charged with being absent without leave from 21st February to 23rd February, 1916 at Armidale Camp & also charged with drunkenness. He was fined & forfeited 3 days pay. Pte Patrick McManus Moran was charged with being absent without leave at Parade on 7th march, 1916 at Armidale Camp. He was punished with loss of pay for 1 day.

Pte Patrick McManus Moran embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Marathon* (A74) on 4th May, 1916 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 9th July, 1916. Pte Patrick McManus Moran was charged with disobedience of an order "in that he appeared on 0.900 parade unshaven" whilst on board HMAT *Marathon* on 22nd May, 1916 & was punished with one day extra duty.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Pte Moran was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire with Gastroenteritis on 11th October, 1916.

Private Patrick McManus Moran died on 16th October, 1916 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire from Gastroenteritis.

A death for Patrick Moran, aged 32, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Private Patrick McManus Moran was buried on 19th October, 1916 at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – Plot number 113 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Pte Patrick McManus Moran was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Patrick Moran's sister – Mrs Agnes Etheridge (sent April, 1922 & July, 1922). In reply to a letter to Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Agnes E. Etheridge (nee Moran) stated she was the only living nearest relative of late Pte Patrick Moran – "I have not sisters, brothers or parents living." The personal effects of late Pte Patrick Moran had been sent to his cousin – Ernie Gainen (?) in 1917 as he was listed as the next-of-kin at that time.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Patrick McManus Moran – service number 1189 as being 36 years old & served with 33rd Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Michael and Agnes Moran. Born at Singleton, NSW. The parents & place of birth as recorded on CWGC are incorrect. This information had been forwarded by a cousin whom Pte Patrick Moran had listed as next-of-kin when in fact his closest next-of-kin was his sister Agnes Etheridge. In reply to a letter that Mrs Agnes Etheridge had written in 1932 to Base Records – they acknowledged that the parents' names should be "Patrick & Margaret J. Moran" & that the age & place of birth were also incorrect. The Durrington Cemetery Register could not be altered as the printed copies had already been prepared for publication.

Private P. McM. Moran is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 122.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Pte P. Moran is also remembered on the Barraba Memorial for World War 1, located at the intersection of Maude Street & Fossickers Way, Barraba, NSW.



Barraba War Memorial *(Photo from Register of War Memorials in NSW – Rusty Priest)*

A reply dated 18th August, 1921 to a letter, dated 22nd July, 1921, to Base Records from Mr E. Gainen stated that “It had only come to hand yesterday, I sincerely hope that the particular enclosed herewith will not be too late to have my late cousin P. Mc. Moran’s name perpetuated. The delay no doubt is due to having changed my address.” It is unsure if this letter was connected to the personal inscription that the next-of-kin could place on the CWGC headstone for their deceased relative.

Pte P. McM. Moran does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte P. McM. Moran’s Headstone at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo by Dave Healing 2013)*